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ANOTHER JAP "SORRY" FOR KAVIENG CRIME

If Rear Admiral Tamura Ryukichi and officers concerned with the "Kavieng Massacre" were sufficiently interested in sending away the 23 Australian internees they could have done so, third defendant Lt. Commander Mori Kyoji told the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court yesterday under cross-examination by Prosecutor Major A. D. Mackay, Australian Div., SCAP, GHQ (Tokyo).

Mori, one of six defendants, former Imperial Navy members on trial for the killing of the internees by strangulation and jettison, at Kavieng, New Ireland in March, 1944, said the murdered Australians could have been sent together with Japanese survivors of sunken vessels from New Ireland to Rabaul.

Mori is defended by Mr. Isao Konishike, with Lt. A. R. Carter (Australian Infantry) sitting as Advisory Officer. Last week he admitted receiving the fateful order from first defendant Tamura.

"Although the internees were killed for the purpose of war, I feel much remorse for the victims and their families," he said yesterday.

"I've been troubled since the end of hostilities with my conscience because I've been concealing the fact that they were killed."

"Since the commencement of the court, my conscience has greatly relieved my conscience." The court, consisting of Lt. Col. G. G. Gurney, DSO, ED (President), Lt. J. T. Brock (Australian Army Legal Corps), and Major N. McCleod (Australian Light Horse Command), adjourned further cross-examination to today at 9.30 a.m.

Chief Japanese Interpreter Sukuni, who collapsed in court during proceedings last week, appeared yesterday in good health.

Chinese Tribute To Britain

SHANGHAI, DEC. 8. CLOSER COOPERATION AMONG CHINESE AND FOREIGN ENGINEERS IN THE CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL FIELDS TO SPEED UP POST-WAR REHABILITATION OF CHINA, WAS THE KEYNOTE OF A SPEECH GIVEN BY COMMISSIONER T. K. CHAO OF THE PUBLIC WORKS BUREAU AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF BRITISH ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS DURING THE WEEK-END.

Commissioner Chao paid a glowing tribute to the early success of the "parent institute in England" and the conscientious labours of its members in yielding beneficial results to mankind.

Planning for foreign cooperation, Dr. Chao said only engineers can appreciate to the fullest extent the value of foreign technical assistance and monetary investment for the industrial development of China. "By way of illustration I might add that China needs a far larger number of modern factories and much longer mileage of railways than what she now possesses."

"It is therefore to Great Britain and other progressive foreign countries that we must look for the supply of modern industrial and transportation machinery, equipment and even the materials to enable us to proceed with our post-war rehabilitation programme," he stated.



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It was reported that most of the turkeys came from Formosa and Wenchow (Chekiang coastal city).

American turkey also is available at the black-market price of CN\$1,000,000, or US\$3 per bird. — United Press.

Vital Java Talks Began Today On U.S. Transport

Batavia, Dec. 8. Indonesian and Dutch negotiators met today on the second deck of the 15,000-ton United States transport Renville in a momentous conference that will decide the success or failure of the first major United Nations effort to settle the Indonesian-Dutch dispute.

The peace delegates, who could not decide on a land site for the conference, met around a green felt-covered table with the Three-Power U.N. Commission in a plenary session to hear speeches from delegation heads. The conference will get down to business tomorrow with the first executive meeting.

An Honour Guard of U.S. Marines and white-jacketed sailors saluted the chairman of the Belgian, Australian and United States delegations, the Prime Minister of the Indonesian Republic (Amir Sjarifuddin) and the head of the Dutch delegation, Raden Abdul Kadir — an Indonesian himself.

"Difficult" R. Horreman (Belgium) who will be acting chairman of the first week's session, opened the conference by describing its task as a "difficult and grave one; aimed at bringing understanding and peace to this country."

The chairman of the U.S. delegation (Dr. Graham of North Carolina University) said: "We are here to serve both parties. We bring no magic from Lake Success. We are not miracle workers. We are simple men. Yet we have faith in miracles of the human spirit."

Dr. Graham described Indonesia as a "hot spot on earth because of its high potential for conflict, which may transcend the tension of the region and threaten the peace of the world."

The Australian chairman (Justice R. Wilby), speaking extemporaneously, said: "We know history will be written on this ship."

"Although it is inevitable that we feel a spirit of optimism, we also must be mindful of the many difficulties and trials we must face."

Mr. Abdul Kadir, speaking into six microphones carrying his words around the world, said: "About this ship we are starting upon a new phase of our work."

"It is our earnest hope that this phase will be successful, indeed decisive and will bring about a settlement for Indonesia which alone will be of lasting value."

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Fishmonger Tells Court: ALLEN WANTED "PROTECTION" MONEY PAID

A prosecution witness, Yip Shun-chai, admitted that he was angry with Allen for having taken away his relative's stall and given it to someone else, at yesterday's resumed hearing of the trial of William Eljah Allen, Man Kam-fat and Chui Hong before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice).

Allen, Man Kam-fat and Chui Hong, who are facing 25 charges, are alleged to have conspired together to obtain bribes from stallholders in Mongkok, Yau-mat and Sham-shuipo Markets.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, assisted by Mr. F.F.W. Shaflin, Senior Supt. of Police and Det. Insp. J. Johnston, is conducting the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quinn of Messrs. Bruton & Co., is appearing for Allen. The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, K.C., instructed by Mr. P. J. Griffiths of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, is appearing for Man Kam-fat, while Chui Hong is represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. C.A.S. Russ.

When hearing was resumed yesterday morning, Mr. Chen made application for a witness, whom the Crown did not now intend to call, tendered for cross-examination.

Mr. Chen said that the witness was not one he would call for the defence. The evidence would go to disprove what the prosecution alleged.

On Mr. Lonsdale objecting, Mr. Justice Williams said that he was not going to direct the Crown to put this witness in.

Mr. Chen pointed out that, if the witness was tendered by the Crown, he would have the right to cross-examine. If he ended the witness, the right to cross-examine would be with the Crown, which was a different position altogether.

Mr. Justice Williams said that it would be best to get on with the case first. At the end of the case for the Crown, the point could then be argued.

At Fish Stall Yip Shun-chai, carrying on business in co-partnership with his wife, who was the licensee of a fish stall in Mongkok Market, said that Allen had complained about the manner in which the business was being conducted.

On the occasion of Allen's first visit, the market was surrounded by hundreds of unlicensed hawkers, with the result that licensed stalls were compelled to extend their stalls to display their goods.

Yip said he was asked to go to the roof of the market, accompanied by Chui Hong. The next day, Man Kam-fat asked if he would mind giving a present to the Inspector.

He replied that he would first have to call a meeting of all fish stalls to discuss the matter.

Man Kam-fat suggested a daily payment of \$2 per stall. When it was explained that business was bad, Man said Allen would not accept less than \$1.50 per stall per day.

Money Paid Yip said he was told that, if the money was paid, stalls would not be kicked over and that permission would be given to stallholders to carry on their business just as they liked.

They money was eventually paid by the 29 stalls in the market. He had a relative whose stall was taken away by Allen, who gave it to someone else.

Cross-examined by Mr. Chen, Yip admitted having sent a petition to the Urban Council regarding unlicensed hawkers surrounding the Mongkok Market.



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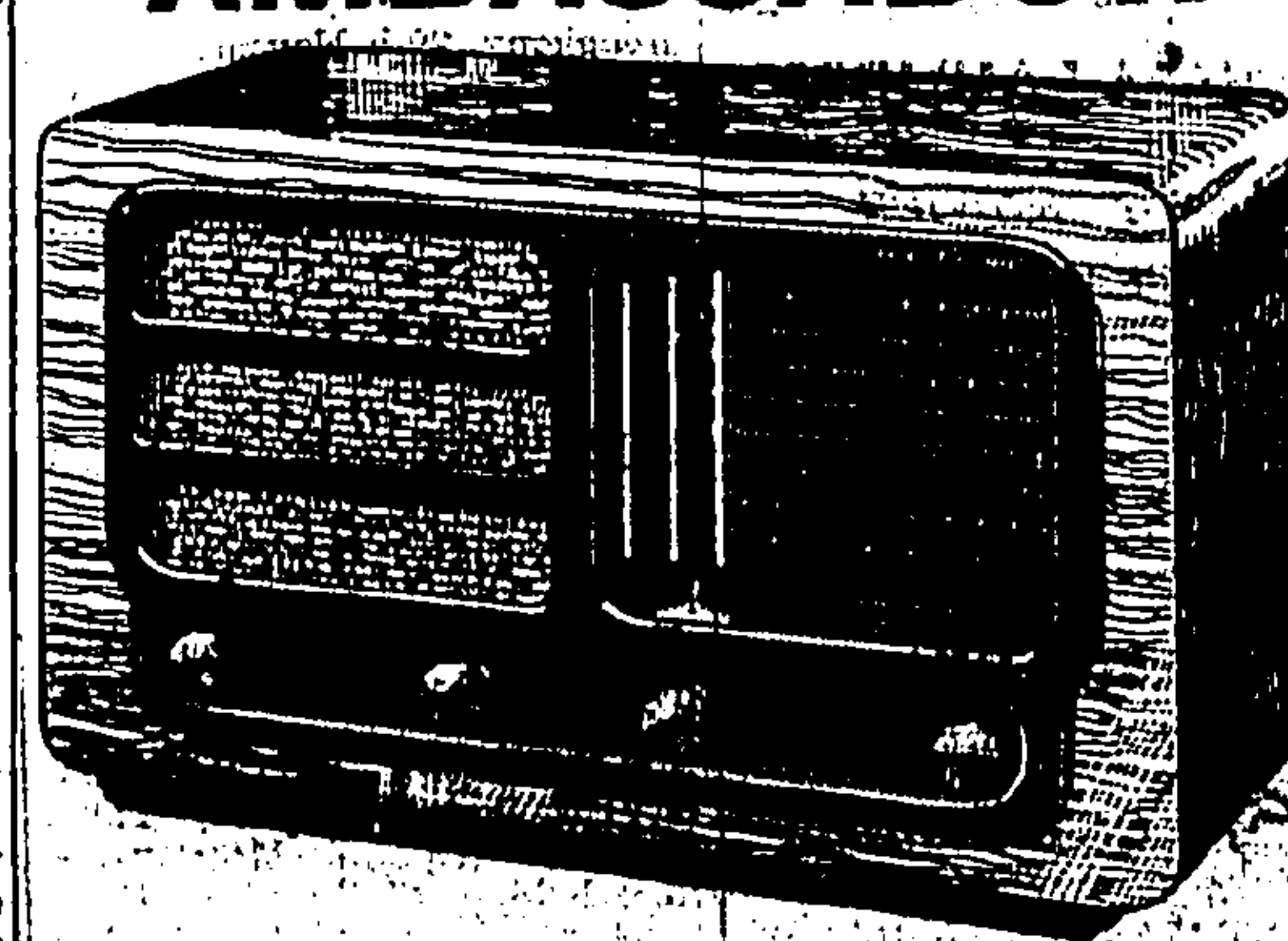
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Leung Fat (20), car attendant, was fined a total of \$100 for driving lorry 5855 without headlights and without a driving licence at Waterloo Road near Argyle Street on Dec. 7, when he appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

With Leung appeared Suen Tsai-wei, (28), licensed driver, charged with permitting Leung to drive the lorry and with offering a bribe of \$3 to Police constables 1550.

According to Sub-Inspector J. R. Houghton at 9.40 p.m. on Sunday, Leung was driving lorry 5855, which was heading at the junction of Waterloo Road and Argyle Street when he was stopped by the police constables who asked him for his licence.

Leung was unable to produce one, and the constable was about to arrest him when Suen came up and offered to be the real driver of the vehicle. He offered the constables \$3 to avoid further trouble and to avoid having the lorry impounded.

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G. MILNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1947.

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the above may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building.

Entries close at 3 p.m. on TUESDAY, 9th December 1947.

By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,
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"That the new Articles of Association submitted to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company, in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, all the existing Articles of Association thereof."

A print of the new Articles of Association, together with a print of the existing Articles of Association can be inspected at the Registered Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, or at the Offices of Messrs. Deacons, 1 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong. Solicitors of the Company, at any time during the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,
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Hong Kong, 19th Nov., 1947.

NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty Third Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Board Room of the South China Morning Post Building, 1-3 Wyndham Street, 4th Floor, Hongkong, on 22nd December, 1947, at 11.30 A.M. This meeting is called to comply with Section 13 of Hongkong Ordinance No. 40 of 1947.

The Accounts and Reports of the Directors will not be available at the date of the meeting and accordingly the meeting will be adjourned to a date early in 1948 whereof due notice will be given to Members.

Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 8th to 24th December, 1947, both dates inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GEORGE McBAIN,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 29th November, 1947.

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LIBERTY SHIP ASHORE

Tokyo, Dec. 8. The ss Washington, new Liberty ship en route from Port Landore to Shanghai with a cargo of lumber, ran aground on Omi Saki, northern tip of Honshu, in a blinding snowstorm, Naval Forces Far East Command announced today.

The ship was later refloated by three Japanese tugs and then escorted to Hakodate for inspection for necessary repairs.

Meanwhile, the United States Army transport, General Patrick and the General Collins, and the hospital ship, Comfort, arrived in Yokohama after distressingly rough passages from the United States.

The skipper of the Collins Capt. Walter Williams, said his ship encountered 70-foot waves and for the 17 days of the voyage he slept only three nights.

All the three ships will be laid up for inspection for repairs necessitated by the pounding high waves.

The General Patrick brought 855 enlisted men, 42 dependents and one officer; the Collins brought 11 officers, 140 enlisted men, 122 dependents and 80 army civilian employees. The Patrick may be delayed 10 days for repairs.—United Press.

China's New Currency Issue

NANKING, DEC. 8. A HIGHLY PLACED GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WITH AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONAL FINANCES INDICATED THAT THE NEW CHINESE CURRENCY OF 1,000 AND 2,000 CUSTOM GOLD UNIT DENOMINATIONS (20,000 AND 40,000 CHINESE YUAN RESPECTIVELY) WOULD BE ISSUED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

It was said preliminary distribution of these notes had already started.

An indication of the appearance of the large denominations was seen in an editorial of the semi-official Central Daily News, pointing out that the appearance of the new bills was the result rather than cause of higher prices.

At present the largest currency in circulation are those in 1,000 yuan.—Associated Press.

CLASH IN ALEXANDRIA

Alexandria, Dec. 7. Fighting broke out among 400 students attending a Palestine anti-partition congress at Alexandria University this afternoon.

A few students were injured. The uproar began when a student proposed that Egypt break off relations with Soviet Russia. Similar resolutions against Britain and the United States were also proposed. When order was restored the congress adjourned without a decision.—Reuter

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNERS

London, Dec. 7. A conference of Nobel Peace Prize winners, proposed by leading German scientists, is to be held in Stockholm, Hamburg Radio reported today.

A preparatory commission has been formed in Germany to make the necessary arrangement.—Reuter.

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NEW ANTI-BRITISH TIRADE Threat Of Offensive By The Irgun Both Sides Call Up Forces

Jerusalem, Dec. 7. The Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish terrorist organisation, threatened tonight to launch an offensive "against Arab gang centres and the British who are behind them."

It warned in a broadcast that any British attacks on "Jewish security forces" would be "returned with fire."

Renewing its anti-British tirade for the first time since the United Nations decision on the partition of Palestine, the Irgun declared that Jewish forces would "defeat the time-table of the British withdrawal."

Six Jews were injured, two of them seriously, when a hand-grenade was thrown into a crowded bus near the Hebrew University tonight.

Both Arab and Jewish authorities in Palestine began calling up their forces in Palestine today after a week of strife with 49 violent deaths.

Law And Order

Sir Alan Cunningham, the British High Commissioner, told both Dr. Khalil and Mr. David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency, at separate interviews today that it was the duty of Palestine's Government to maintain law and order and carry on the civil administration in the interim period between now and the British withdrawal, due to be completed by Aug. 1.

Meanwhile, from New York, Dr. Robert S. Marcus, acting political director of the World Jewish Congress, said that Jews had been slain by pro-Arab Muslims in Persia and Pakistan.

Dr. Marcus announced that he had asked the Washington Ambassadors of the two countries to secure effective protection of Jewish lives and property in their countries.

In Danger?

The entire Jewish community of 200 people in Peshawar, Pakistan, was in danger, Dr. Marcus told a Press conference. A number had already been killed.

In Persia also the Jewish communities were in danger, particularly at Meshed, Yazd and Isfahan. Dr. Marcus said: "What is needed is effective preventive action by the Governments in whose lands these outrages have occurred. There can be no excuse for laxity in using the police powers of the State to protect the security of all its inhabitants. This obligation flows directly from the membership of these countries in the United Nations, whose Charter declares it to be a vital purpose of that organisation to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedom for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion."

Shimada's View On H.K. Attack

Tokyo, Dec. 8. Admiral Shigetaro Shimada, Navy Minister at the time of Pearl Harbour exactly six years ago, insisted under cross-examination before the Allied War Crimes Court here today, that Emperor Hirohito "desired" to give the proper notice to the United States before striking at the Pacific naval base and that the attacks on Shanghai and Hong Kong were made "in ample time" after the notification.

"It was the desire of His Majesty the Emperor that notification should be given in advance," Shimada said.

"This was also the policy of the government, in strict compliance with International Law."

Speaking for the former Imperial Japanese Navy, Shimada said, "It has been a tradition of the Imperial Navy, ever since the Russo-Japanese War, strictly to adhere to International Law."

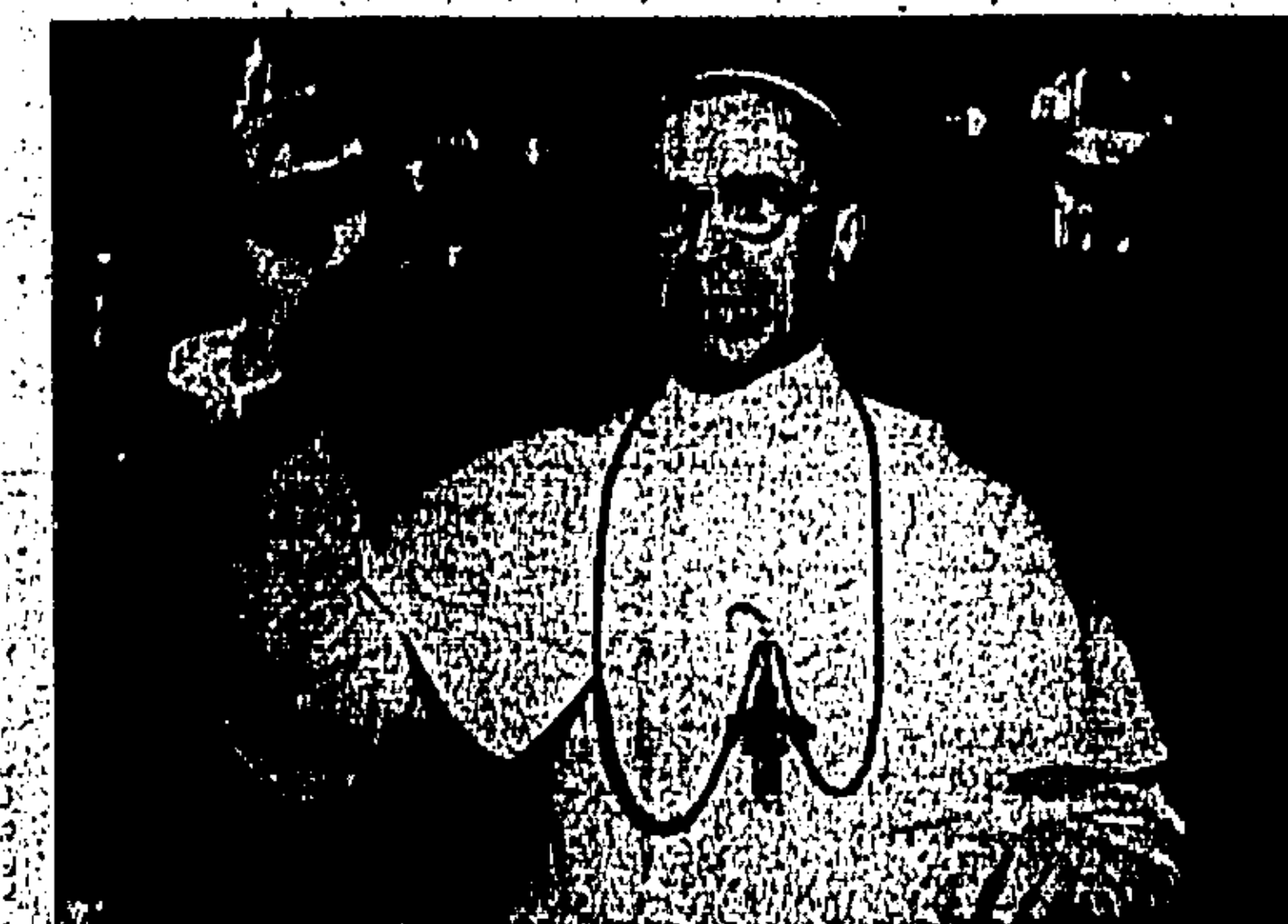
Witness replied "yes" when asked whether he had known of the Hague Convention binding participants to give proper notice "to the enemy before hostilities."

Shimada assured the prosecution that the Japanese Navy never "entertained" such an idea as attacking hostile territory without proper warning. He insisted that delivery of the final note to the United States was "entirely a matter belonging to the Foreign Minister, outside the Navy's scope."

Answering the assistant prosecutor, Captain James Robinson (USN), Shimada asserted that the Japanese attack on the Malay peninsula preceded formal notice to the United Kingdom because of poor co-ordination among the Japanese armed forces prior to the beginning of hostilities.

He explained that no representative of the Japanese Malaya area Command staff took part in the vital conference held at Iwakuni in November 1941 in order to discuss operational plans.

As a result, the unit Commander in charge of the operation began shortly before the formal notification, which, Shimada said, was a "matter for profound regret."—United Press.



Pope Pius XII, in a broadcast address from Castel Gandolfo, the Papal summer residence, on Nov. 23, spoke to the American people. Photo shows the Pope, before two microphones, broadcasting from his summer residence. (AP Photo)

KRUPP ON WAR CRIME CHARGES

Nuernberg, Dec. 8. War crimes proceedings began today against Alfred Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach, head of Germany's leading gun-making firm, and 11 of his business associates.

The U.S. Tribunal opened the third in the series of cases brought by the United States against Naziism's principal pre-war and wartime industrialists.

The 12 defendants, headed by tall, 40-year-old Alfred, who directed the firm which has made arms and ammunition for Germany for 133 years, heard themselves charged in the opening statement with conspiracy to wage aggressive war, plunder of industries in foreign countries overrun by the Nazi armies, and exploitation of slave labour.—United Press.

CUSTOMS UNION

Pretoria, Dec. 7. An agreement on all outstanding questions concerning the establishment of a customs union between the Union of South Africa and Southern Rhodesia was announced today.

The terms of the agreement will be made known as soon as they have been approved and studied by the two governments. Parliamentary approval for the arrangements will then be sought.—Reuter.

In the attacks were displaced persons or refugees. Thirty-three persons, including 31 Jews, have been arrested in an attempt to block further disturbances, the military government said.—Associated Press.

PARTY ENDS IN TRAGEDY

Capetown, Dec. 8. At a drinking party here 20 men drank raw methylated alcohol by mistake. So far four have died, three are blinded and the rest are critically ill.

The alcohol was stolen from the stockroom of Wynberg military hospital and the police have arrested an employee. One of the men said: "The colour of methylated spirit is well known to us, but the spirit our host offered was very clear." They did not know that hospitals buy clear spirit.—Our Own Correspondent.

Arab-Jew Incidents In Germany

FRANKFURT, DEC. 7. ONE JEW DIED TODAY AND EIGHT OTHER JEWS AND ONE ARAB HAVE BEEN WOUNDED. THE AMERICAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT SAID, AS THE RESULT OF STABBINGS IN GERMANY OVER THE PROJECTED PARTITION OF PALESTINE.

The knife attacks were the first cases of Arab-Jewish violence reported in Germany since the United Nations decided on Nov. 29 to divide the Holy Land.

The Jews and Arabs involved

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BUSINESSMEN'S OBJECTIONS Suspension Of Loans By China Banks Representations To Nanking

Shanghai, Dec. 8.
The volume of protest over the abrupt suspension of loans by national banks is growing among business circles, both here and in Tientsin. The Shanghai Chamber of Commerce sent a cable to the Nanking authorities during the week-end urging "caution" in carrying out the new emergency economic measures.

Mayor Tu Chien-sze of Tientsin, sent a message to Premier Chiang Chun in which he pointed out the Government's order suspended through the cooperation of legal banking institutions. "It is not sound to suspend loans and remittances simply for the prevention of the flight of capital to this city."

Not Sound
Shanghai's protest to Nanking said in part: "Financial control

should be aimed at stabilising the situation and help develop bona fide commerce and industry through the cooperation of legal banking institutions. "It is not sound to suspend loans and remittances simply for the prevention of the flight of capital to this city."

Black Market

Since Shanghai is more safe while its light industry is comparatively developed, it is natural that capital in outport cities has flocked here. The cable added that the suspension of loans by national banks will force commercial firms to seek new financial resources in the black market whose "high interest would handicap production and stimulate prices" thus defeating the very purpose of the Government's new measures.—Reuter.

Partisan Parade In Rome

ROME, DEC. 7.
TO CELEBRATE THE INTERNATIONAL PARTISAN CONGRESS MEETING HERE, A 50,000-STRONG PARADE OF PARTISAN MEN AND WOMEN MARCHED THROUGH THE PRINCIPAL STREETS OF ROME TODAY SINGING THE "RED FLAG" AND RAISING CLENCHED FISTS IN THE COMMUNIST SALUTE.

Sponsored by the Italian Communist Party, the parade was formed with partisans who have been streaming into Rome for the last two days in lorries, buses, cars and trains. Eleven countries—France, Holland, the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Denmark, Austria, Luxembourg, Spain and Italy—are represented at the Partisan Congress.

The chief aim of the Congress is said to be "to keep the partisan spirit alive." The parade today was carried out with military precision, all partisans wearing some sort of uniform and giving the Communist salute.—Reuter.

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WOOKEY HOLE DISCOVERY

Wookey Hole, Dec. 7.
Persons exploring the bed of the underground river in Wookey Hole cave in Somersetshire last night discovered human bones and pieces of pottery believed to date from the pre-Christian Roman occupation of Britain.

Most of the bones were found near a stalagmite called "The Witch of Wookey." Other human bones found in the cave last year were believed to be those of persons sacrificed in some sort of religious rites. Associated Press.

Experiments On Women

Warsaw, Dec. 7.
Women died after "gynaecological experiments" carried out in the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz (Oswiecim) in Poland, it was stated here today at the trial of 40 former members of the camp staff.

Some of the victims died immediately after the experiments, witnesses said. Others were unconscious and bleeding.

Women members of the camp staff and S.S. men took part in the experiments, the court was told.

Evidence was also given that for minor camp offences men were shut up for six weeks in a tiny concrete cell.—Reuter

Soviet "Bluff" In Germany

BERLIN, DEC. 7.
A TWO-DAY COMMUNIST CONTROLLED "GERMAN PEOPLE'S CONGRESS" WAS CONCLUDED TODAY WITH THE ELECTION OF A DELEGATION OF 17 TO SEEK AN AUDIENCE WITH THE BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS IN LONDON ON THE GERMAN PEACE QUESTION. The congress was boycotted by leaders of Germany's largest political parties, the Social Democrats and Christian Democrats which labelled it a "bluff" and a "brazon trick" by the Russian zone Communists to represent themselves as spokesmen for all Germany.

The Social Democrats predicted that Soviet Foreign Minister M. Molotov would attempt to bring the Communist-controlled German delegation before the London Conference.

A resolution adopted by the Congress generally followed Russian proposals for Germany's future. It called for a peace based on the Yalta and Potsdam declarations, the political and economic unification of Germany, establishment of a central German government to sign a peace treaty and election of a German assembly to ratify it.

These demands were represented as "the living expression of the will of the German people."—Associated Press.

Wastage Of War Equipment

Washington, Dec. 8.
Army officials today said that enough combat equipment was going to waste on the Pacific Islands to equip many divisions of Chiang Kai-shek's Chinese troops, but the problem of getting any to China appeared almost insurmountable.

The officials said it would be a tremendous task, involving the expenditure of millions of dollars as well as the use of extensive shipping facilities. The United States no longer has a merchant fleet of the size which originally took equipment to the Pacific during the war.

The Army estimates that it has more than US\$1,000,000,000 worth of equipment, much of it arm and ammunition, on Iwojima and Okinawa alone. On Guam and Saipan there are rusty tanks, radar equipment and planes.

However, Army officials said that, despite mounting Congressional demands for United States aid to China, it would cost more than the equipment was worth to keep it in shape—much less transport it to China. The Army provided equipment sufficient to arm 39 Chinese divisions under Lend-Lease during the war and up to Oct. 31, 1946. Since then, Chinese purchases have been confined to non-combat items.—United Press.

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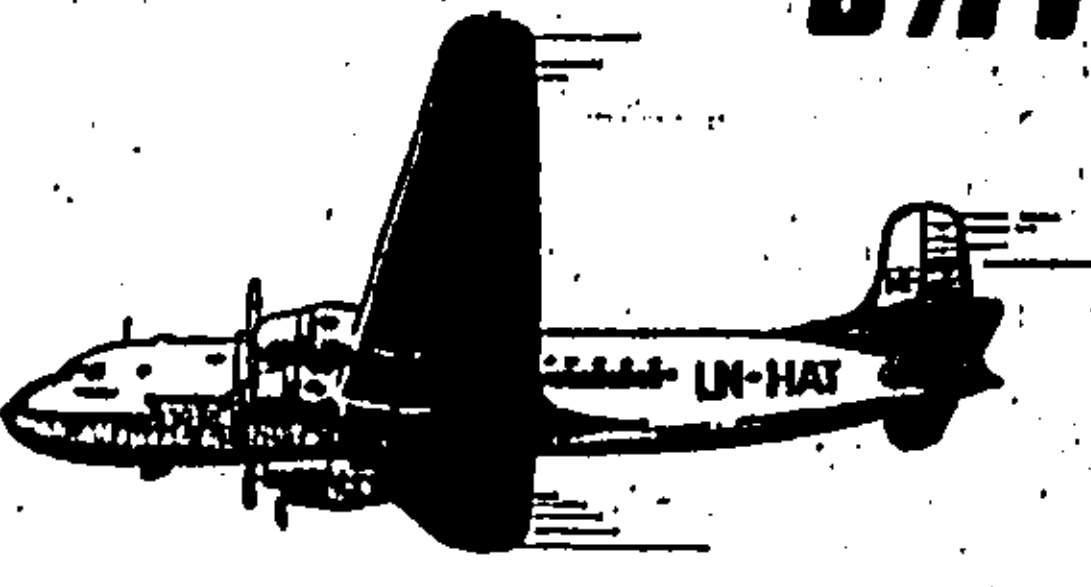
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DEATH SENTENCE ARGUMENTS

Hopeless Criminals Should Be Liquidated

Public Debate In Great Britain

London, Dec. 8. George Bernard Shaw, Britain's aged sage, is campaigning for "liquidation" of every Criminal who cannot be reformed into a useful law abiding citizen.

The 91-year-old playwright, entering a nationwide public debate on whether Britain should quit hanging murderers, said in a letter to the editor of the "London Times." "The public right and power of civilised states to kill the unprofitable or incorrigibly mischievous in self-defence can never be abrogated."

"A vitriol thrower should be got rid of as ruthlessly as a cobra or a mad dog," wrote Shaw.

"A man who lives by promising to marry women and deserting them as soon as he has spent all their money is a social evil to be uprooted no less than if he drowned them in their baths."

"Dangerous insanity, instead of exempting from liquidation, should be one of the strongest grounds for it."

"Criminals who can be reformed raise no problem and should be left out of the discussion," he said. "If they are reformable, reform them."

duced a Penal Reform Bill several weeks ago. The Bill itself says nothing about death penalties which now are issued for murder, treason and dockyard arson but a large group of Members of Parliament are trying to abolish hanging.

The death penalty is mandatory for a convicted murderer and only the Home Secretary has power to commute the sentence to imprisonment.

Viscount Templewood, pre-war Home Secretary who then was an advocate of the death penalty, said today that he has changed his mind and now favours abolition.

"Barbarian"

Lord Templewood, head of the Howard League for Penal Reform, said he now regarded capital punishment as "barbarian."

One of Britain's leading criminal lawyers, Derek Curtis-Bennett, now in Rangoon defending the accused slayers of Burmese Premier Aung San, wrote earlier to The Times in defence of the death penalty. To abolish the death penalty, he said, would be "an invitation to murder" to the "many evilly-disposed young men who have been so well-trained to kill for the sake of their country in war."

Another lawyer disagreed and cited evidence that murder has decreased in 21 countries which have previously abolished the death penalty for it.

M.P.'s Divided

The argument has raged through more than 200 letters in The Times and the Daily Telegraph.

The present Home Secretary, Mr. Chuter Ede, recommends that the death penalty be retained until the post-war wave of violent crime has subsided. But the Government is reportedly authoritatively to be planning to let Parliament decide wholly on the consciences of individual legislators who are as divided on the subject as the rest of the country.—Associated Press.

Scotland Ahead

LONDON, DEC. 7. SCOTTISH MINERS CONTINUE TO LEAD IN BRITAIN'S INTER-COALFIELD OUTPUT COMPETITION FOR THE MITCHELL HEDGES TROPHY.

The latest results for the week ended Nov. 22 show that, with a target of 443,400 tons, they raised 476,700 tons.

They have a total of 288 points and are 41 points ahead of the South Wales miners who raised 28,000 tons above their target 458,000 tons.

Northern Division, with 208 points and third in the list, have a weekly target of 738,600 tons and had topped this by 42,000 tons.—Reuter.

Pope's Address To Marian Congress

The Pope, speaking in Spanish over Vatican Radio, broadcast a message tonight to Barcelona at the close of the International Marian Conference, which was attended by delegates from 27 nations.

The Pope said that he was glad to see that the Marian Congress was an address to the people of the world, and that it was a sign of the unity of the Church and of the world.

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Their Majesties the King and Queen, accompanied by Princess Margaret, attended a Royal Command film performance, at the Odeon Theatre, Leicester Square, London. Photo shows, left to right, in the Royal Box, during the performance, are: Queen Elisabeth; King Michael of Rumania; and Princess Margaret. (A.P. Photo)

KING LEOPOLD READY TO END EXILE

Brussels, Dec. 7. King Leopold of the Belgians told a meeting at Pregny, near Geneva, that he was ready to resume the responsibility as head of his dynasty, according to a communique issued tonight by his secretariat in Brussels.

The King said: "I am ready as Leopold's actions, before and during this time."

Authoritative sources in Brussels said on Saturday that M. Paul Henri Spak, the Prime Minister, was to release shortly a Government declaration that King Leopold did not behave dishonourably during the war or the German occupation, but making certain reservations on some of his actions.—Reuter.

DOVER HARBOUR INCIDENT

Dover, Dec. 7. The 6,000-ton Brazilian freighter Victorialda ran onto rocks outside Dover harbour shortly before dawn today, but was floated after an hour.—Associated Press.

A Prelude

The monarch was addressing a delegation of the "Congress for the Solution of the Royal Problem," a non-party movement founded in Belgium.

King Leopold's declaration was devoid of immediate political significance by the fact that it was addressed to representatives of an unofficial body, but it was generally considered here a prelude to a Belgian Government declaration on the "Royal question," expected some time next week.

While Belgium's three-year old problem of the monarchy was now obviously entering a new phase, no clear-cut solution was yet in view in face of the stubborn disagreement on the issue of the country's two leading political parties—Socialists and Social Christians.

Spaak Declaration

The Coalition Government is composed of Socialists who firmly oppose the King's return on the ground of his "unconstitutional attitude," and the Social Christians, who have been the King's supporters throughout the dispute.

The Government, it was understood, has already drafted a declaration stating that the King "did not profit his honour" during the war when he surrendered to the Germans nor during the country's occupation thereafter, but making re-

NORRIS CASTLE BURGLARY

Cowes, Dec. 7. Two men, one of them masked, forced their way into Norris Castle, where Queen Victoria once lived, and stole rings from the fingers of two women.

Last night, Mrs. Florence Binbeck went to answer the front door when the men confronted and attacked her.

She was found lying on the floor by her sister, a Mrs. Laves.

The men demanded the keys of the castle and took nearly £100. The telephone lines were cut.—Reuter.

Romantic R.A.M.C. Driver

LONDON, DEC. 7. JOHN BENSON, 22-YEAR-OLD EX-R.A.M.C. DRIVER OF LIVERPOOL, WHO RECENTLY SPENT FIVE MONTHS IN GERMANY TRYING TO GET HIS GERMAN FIANCEE WITA OTT, AGED 18, OF BERLIN OUT OF THE COUNTRY, HOPES TO BE REUNITED WITH HER IN LONDON ON WEDNESDAY.

He has succeeded in raising the £18 plane fare and is now trying to sell his bicycle in order to go to London and take her north, the British Press Association reported today.

When Benson was demobilised, he returned to Berlin in his uniform, lived for five months with the girl's family and was sentenced by a British civilian court to 28 days' detention as an illegal immigrant but sentence was suspended on condition he left Germany.—Associated Press.

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SURPRISE TURN TO CRISIS: NEW FRENCH STRIKE CALL

Paris Transport Paralysis

Paris, Dec. 7.

All Paris Underground and bus employees were called out on a 48-hour strike for higher wages tonight a few hours after the Government announced the arrest of nearly 1,000 persons in a country-wide campaign against sabotage in strike-ridden industry and transportation. The Communist-dominated General Confederation of Labour voted the strike, which will begin at midnight, after the Central Strike Committee, a group of CGT members who function independently, rejected Premier Robert Schuman's Government's offer of a cost of living money indemnity for workers.

The Underground and bus strike was voted shortly after the Ministry of Interior had announced the arrest of nearly 1,000 persons in a nationwide campaign against sabotage in strike-bound factories, railways and harbours. It said that security police had made these arrests in the past eight days. A Ministry spokesman said: "Some have been detained, others fined and a few jailed."

18 "Handles"

He said about 500 had been arrested yesterday and today. Several arrests were made in Paris Underground terminals today. A Prefecture spokesman said: "One man had 18 'handles' in his satchel. A handle is used to cut off the power in an Underground motor. He could have stopped nine trains."

Sabotage sent three railroad trains crashing from their tracks last week. In one wreck 20 persons were killed.

The Interior Ministry spokesman refused to say whether any foreigners had been arrested, but a police report this morning said 13 foreigners had been caught performing acts of sabotage.

South Calm

About 150 persons have been arrested in Marseilles since longshoremen there went out on strike nearly a month ago, but there was general calm

throughout the Mediterranean seaport today. Police did not report one act of violence.

The Government-controlled radio read to its listeners a complete text of the new laws making sabotage punishable in prison terms up to 10 years. The law defines sabotage as "any act that makes a machine or piece of machinery cease to function."

Minister of Labour Rene Mayer, non-Communist Labour leader Leon Jouhaux and Communist leader Benoit Frachon met on what a Labour Ministry spokesman described as "a high echelon discussion" of the whole French labour situation.—Associated Press.

31 YEARS AFTER

Paris, Dec. 8.
A letter has just been delivered to Mrs. Lambert Rocher, at Avignon on the Rhone, 31 years after it was posted.

It was mailed to Mrs. Rocher by Henri Hagold, a French prisoner of war in a Westphalia camp, on Sept. 4, 1916.
The envelope which bore two postmarks, "Kriegsgefangenerlager 122, 1916" and "Postes, Avignon, 1947", travelled to its destination at an average speed of 19 feet an hour. Our Own Correspondent.

SMALLER PAPERS IN CHINA?

Shanghai, Dec. 8.
The Executive Yuan is studying a proposal to cut down the proportions of all daily newspapers published in China.

If the proposal is passed the daily newspaper will consist only of two sheets.

At the same Yuan meeting there was the old discussion of reduction in the import quota on cigarettes and newsprint and after an acrimonious debate a resolution was passed reducing the cigarette import quota to the same as for newsprint.—Reuter.

Crack Express Derailed

PARIS, DEC. 7.
THE CRACK LYONS-PARIS EXPRESS WAS DERAILED TONIGHT SOON AFTER COMMUNIST LABOUR LEADERS REJECTED THE GOVERNMENT PEACE OFFERS AND CALLED FOR A REDOUBLED STRIKE OFFENSIVE.

Reports from Lyons said the train wreck caused no casualties and only slight damage because of the extraordinary precautions against sabotage taken by trainmen.

The wreck was caused by an unbolting rail at the entrance to the tunnel at Vaise, eight miles out of Lyons. The locomotive and two coaches were derailed.

Damage undoubtedly would have been much heavier if the train had been travelling at its usual speed of 40 miles per hour at that point on the line. However, the engineer reduced the speed to ten miles as he approached the tunnel, a recognized danger point.

The wreck was the third attempt at rail sabotage reported during the day. The other two—one on the Paris-Brest line and the other on the suburban line near Orleans—were discovered in time to prevent accidents.—United Press.

A QUEEN VISITS THE COMMUNISTS

(Continued from Page 6)

people these need only to be given a lead, to be faced with a challenge which their own efforts can and must overcome, and they are once again the nation that withstood the invasion flood of Mussolini's mechanized armies with only a few poorly equipped divisions in the Albanian snows in 1940.

In these few months Queen Frederica and King Paul have won the respect, admiration and love of the most democratic people in Europe. And this has been done by their simple and whole-hearted service for their people. The peasants whom the Queen admires as the finest stock of the nation have given their allegiance. Next to be won are the cynical, pleasure-loving Athenians, but many of these are already admirers of the Royal couple.

Moscow's Version Of Dulles Trip

Moscow, Dec. 7.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, Republican adviser to the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, who is now in Paris, is negotiating for the incorporation of the French Occupation Zone of Germany into the merged British and United States Zones, Tass, the Soviet news agency, alleged today.

A special correspondent of the agency made this charge in a report from London of the Foreign Ministers' Council.

He said that Mr. Dulles was negotiating "while Mr. Marshall was paying lip service to Germany's unity," and added: "In the light of this fact, Mr. Marshall's statement (at the Council on Friday), could not help sounding very insincere, however much he urged the Ministers to be honest before themselves and the world."

(Mr. Dulles last night had an interview in Paris with General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Rally of the French People).

In another report on the Foreign Ministers' Council, a Moscow Radio commentator said that a "whole encyclopaedia of lies" was being published by the "Wall Street press" in reports of the proceedings.

The commentator accused certain American newspapers of saying that the Soviet proposals to the Council were "nothing but propaganda."

He stated that Wall Street was trying to keep the American people in the dark about the Soviet position on and "thereby facilitate pan-Germans striving to convert Western Germany into a military stronghold of American imperialism."

Mr. Dulles left Paris for London early today. He described his interview with General de Gaulle as "an informal courtesy call" but beyond that would say nothing on the nature of the talk.—Reuter.

Permission Refused

Frankfurt, Dec. 7.
The Soviet occupation authorities today refused without explanation to grant the week-old United States Air Force request for permission to send search flights over the Russian zone in a hunt for the transport which was missing with 20 persons aboard.

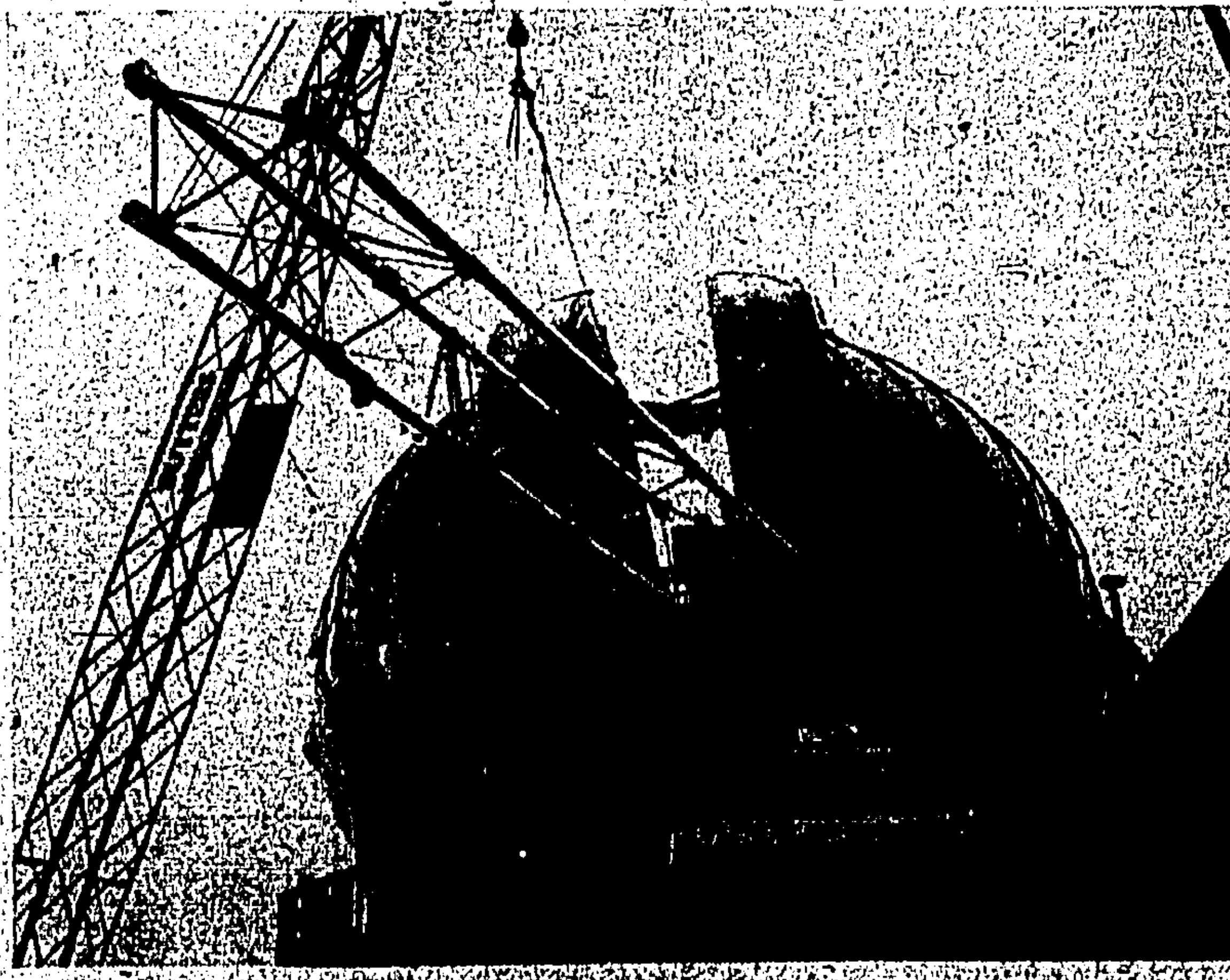
More than 100 planes vainly searched other areas in Central Europe seeking the plane which vanished en route here from Pisa, Italy.

Air Force officials said the Russian message prohibited the flight of American planes anywhere over the Soviet zone outside the previously established corridor 20 miles wide linking the American zone with Berlin.

—United Press.

COMMUNISTS LOSE

Helsinki, Dec. 7.
Complete returns from 22 of the largest Finnish cities showed the Communist-dominated Popular Democrat Party had lost 23 seats in the City Council in this week's municipal elections.—Associated Press.



The dedication site to the Royal Observatory, which, reflecting telescopes, is being reconstructed during reconstruction work at Greenwich, London. The telescope will travel by road 50 miles to the Observatory's new home at Herstmonceux, Sussex. (AP Photo)

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DELAY IN JAP REPARATIONS

Washington Pressing For Decision

Questions Still To Be Solved

Washington, Dec. 8. The United States is pressing for a decision by the Far Eastern Commission on Japanese reparations as one means of restoring economic stability in the Far East and simplifying the negotiation of the Japanese peace treaty. Only broad policy decisions on the reparations problem have been reached by the 11-nation Commission during 18 months of negotiations here. Still to be solved are the important questions of the actual division of shares among claimant nations and the Japanese ability to meet those claims.

Officials said that slow and steady progress is being made but they see little hope of an early agreement. Those who have followed the long reparations debate stated that no single nation has arbitrarily blocked a decision. The problem was said to be highly technical and involves diplomatic and political as well as economic considerations.

But it is conceded that the heavy Soviet reparations removals from Manchuria and continuing Russian demands for additional materials from the Japanese homeland hampered an overall settlement. The Soviets were said to be "actively" pressing for additional reparations.

Reliable informants said the United States and some other countries are doing everything possible to break the deadlock over individual shares and find some way of determining the ability of Japanese reparations.

They said such action is necessary to:

Speeding Up

1. Expedite economic recovery in the Far East, at least in part, before the situation worsens to a point where heavy American spending will be needed as is now the case in Western Europe.
2. Pave the way for "speedier and easier" consideration of the Japanese peace treaty by eliminating the troublesome issue in advance.
3. Let Japan know what specific industries she will be permitted to keep for her peace time economy. This would assist General Douglas MacArthur in carrying out reconstruction policies and programmes.
4. Move reparations to countries before they deteriorate to a point of uselessness.

Difficulties

The other factors delaying an agreement are differences over Japan's economic and military position in the future and the part each nation played in winning the Pacific War.

Informants said there is "general disagreement" over the concepts of Japanese manpower and military forces and trade relationships although all agreed that Japan must never again be permitted to build up her war potential.

Difficulties cropped up over what constitutes an adequate level for iron, steel and other important industries. The overall FEC reparations policy calls for Japan to be restored by 1950 to a standard of living comparable to 1930-34.—United Press.

British Talks In Moscow

Moscow, Dec. 7. Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, was having his second meeting with M. Anastas Mikoyan, Soviet Trade Minister tonight, after a week-end of top pressure work in the Anglo-Soviet trade negotiations which opened on Friday.

The general impression in well-informed circles here today was that a satisfactory start had been made in the talks though the British delegation was not prepared to release any details of the progress of the negotiations.

The Russians were believed to be anxious to arrive at an agreement, particularly to ensure supplies of machinery and equipment for shifting timber.

It has been noted that M. Mikoyan saw Mr. Wilson within a few hours of his arrival in Moscow and made another appointment to meet him today.

Some observers believed that Mr. Wilson hoped to work out the general lines of an agreement, and even sign it, before his departure in the middle of this week, leaving some details to be settled later.—Reuter.

BRITISH COAL AMBITION'S

Gloucester, Dec. 7. Britain hoped to export, in 1948, 10,000,000 tons more coal than in 1947 either directly to foreign countries or in the form of bunkers for ships, the Minister of Fuel and Power, Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, announced here tonight.

The 1948 coal production target would be 14,000,000 tons more than the 200,000,000-ton figure fixed for 1947, he said.

The coal output at present was "only enough to get us by" as far as internal needs were concerned. Apart from the recent decisions to permit occasional cargo shipments of coal abroad, Britain was not exporting.—Reuter.

Japs Claim To Discover New Comet

Tokyo, Dec. 8. Information on the discovery of a new comet, "Honda" by a Japanese scientist has been radioed to Harvard University in accordance to usual international arrangement for reporting such phenomena, the SCAP Economic and Scientific Section announced today.

SCAP officials said the comet was reported discovered at the Tokyo Astronomical Observatory on Nov. 14 by Prof. Minoru Honda, of the Kurashiki Observatory in Okayama Prefecture.

The comet had already passed from view in Japan.

Japanese astronomers said the comet following the parabolic orbit was first observed here. Unlike the elliptical comets, whose paths are such that they can be seen periodically from observatories, parabolic comets are observable from the earth only once during its course through the universe.

Honda, the comet's discoverer, was decorated years ago by the United States Pacific Astronomical Society for outstanding work in astronomy. SCAP officials said.—United Press.

He Knew Jack The Ripper

Tangier, Dec. 8. Octogenarian criminologist Hector Cairns today shed new light on the notorious "Jack the Ripper" murders which scandalised London in the 'eighties and brought about the resignation of a Home Secretary.

Mr. Cairns, a native of Edinburgh and former Greenock business man, believes he knows who "The Ripper" was, and makes the sensational statement that the murderer was not only a Russian secret agent, but a former surgeon in Glasgow.

"In case you think I am patently prejudiced," said Mr. Cairns, "I can only say that my authority for such a statement is backed up by none other than the sinister Rasputin."

In Mr. Cairns' crime relics collection is a document reputed to have been written by Rasputin, in which the latter states that "The Ripper" was a Russian Secret Serviceman named Dr. Alexander Pedachenko who was in Whitechapel at the time of the murders.—Our Own Correspondent.

THE WRONG FOOT

London, Dec. 7. The Sunday newspaper, The People, told its readers today that American diplomats had the show on the wrong foot in their reports that inflation-fearing Russians had started a run on Soviet banks.

The People said: "The truth is the reverse—there is a rush to Soviet banks. The reason is that once again the government has announced a change in currency notes which means that hoarded notes will be useless."

"American diplomats, now people rushing to pay in their hoarded notes and get the idea they were hurrying to get their money out"—United Press.

IT TOOK THEM TWO YEARS

Irun, Dec. 7. When the border between France and Spain was closed two years ago, 10 French railroad cars were left on the Spanish side and 10 Spanish railroad cars were left on the French side.

The two Governments have just concluded arrangements to exchange the cars.—Associated Press.

POPE CALLS FOR CRUSADE

Vatican City, Dec. 8. Pope Pius, in an unusually forthright speech today, urged 8,000 Catholic youths to be ready to follow the example of early Christian martyrs in defending their faith against its enemies.

The Pope, speaking in the great Hall of Benediction, demanded "Are you ready?" and the assembled youth replied with a tremendous shout "yes."—United Press.

IRGUN PLOT TO BLOCK THE SUEZ CANAL

London, Dec. 8. A plot by Palestinian terrorists to block the Suez Canal has been uncovered by British Secret Service men in the Middle East.

At once radio warnings were flashed to all ships nearing the zone to keep all small boats at a distance and to stop foreigners approaching ships in dock.

The terrorists want to fix mines to the hulls of vessels, timed to explode when half-way through the canal.

Discovery of the plot has caused the biggest secret fighting since the outbreak of war.

"Frog" men of the terrorists have been trained to swim beneath small craft with the mines. They would fix the mines during confusion caused by bartering between the crew and boys from small trading craft.

Dynamite Gangs

At Port Said and Port Suez extra police have been put on duty on the quays. Only masters of vessels are allowed ashore and there has been a strict identity check.

Dynamite gangs are standing by to destroy vessels if they are sunk.

Two officers of the tanker British Pilot gave a native, who was selling leather goods in a small boat under the ship's stern, a well-directed jet from a hose. He cleared off.—Our Own Correspondent.



This photo shows three of the Soviet delegates at the Four-Power talks on Germany and Austria at Lancaster House, St. James's, London. (Left to right, seated) Marshal Sokolovsky, Soviet Military Commander Germany; M. Bulganin, U.S.S.R. Deputy Foreign Minister; and M. Vyshinsky, Soviet Foreign Minister. (A Photo)

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FANLING GOLF FIXTURES

Spate Of Cards For Handicap

Several good golf scores were handed in over the week-end at Fanling and with a spate of cards going into the 'handicap box' it looks as if the handicap committee will have a busy week.

It would appear that some of the 'bogey' cards and those returned for handicaps were taken out by players in three or four ball matches. As this tends to show down the field, there is a rule against this practice and members are asked to note where necessary.

With the New Course returning to popularity, it may also be opportune to remind members that three balls and four balls are not allowed on the New Course on Sundays or Public Holidays between Oct. 1 and April 30.

Good scores have not been confined to the stronger players and congratulations are due to Mrs. Riddell-Carr who recently played a first class round of 78 over the New Course. And the ladies don't allow adjustment of lies, which makes this grand score all the more praiseworthy.

Singapore Lefts Ban On Racehorses

Singapore, Dec. 8. The Singapore Government has lifted the ban on importing race horses, imposed last October to conserve foreign currency. Associated Press.

Some time ago quite a number of players who had forgotten how to hit the ball straight, maligned the Greens Committee on the state of the rough. Now that we are hitting them straight and true and we have stopped visiting the rough let's be quick to congratulate these gentlemen on the state of the greens. In previous days, with an ample water supply, the greens by now would be baked and worn and to behold with no water but great ingenuity we have today first rate putting surfaces. The top dressing has kept the surface porous and has protected the young grass from the sun, so when next a long one goes straight down the back of the hole, remember to thank the Greens Committee.

The group photographs of the Scotland-England teams are now on show at Fanling where orders may be placed. There are also available one or two views of the course and some well known players missing their putts.

Atmosphere

There was more of a pre-war atmosphere in the Clubhouse this week-end and many well remembered and many new voices joined the chorus of praise of the rehabilitation work. Over a hundred tiffin were served on Sunday and with the club catering maintaining its high standard, it was very much as they tell one in "Oklahoma". "Oh what a beautiful morning. Oh what a beautiful day."

The bedroom accommodation in both clubhouses is well booked up this month, both at week-ends and during the week.

The ladies club is especially popular but the men's club is fast gaining popularity and soon one will have to book well in advance for a quiet restful week-end. There are two or three rooms vacant for Xmas in the men's club so an early telephone call to the Secretary suggested. Accommodation at the ladies club is fully booked during the holidays.

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It's On The Ice



McKelvie To Meet Great Omars

Exciting bowls should be seen at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday when Jock McKelvie's triple-alliance do battle with the "Great Omars" for the Colony Open Triples Championship.

Judging by last Saturday's play, the three Omars should emerge victors, but lawn bowls is like horse racing, its prophets are without honour or much accuracy.

The steady improvement shown by A.M. Omar, and the fact that he had continually played as lead to his brother, somewhat offset the advantage of long experience possessed by R.P. Phillips.

K.M. Omar is the weakest link in the Omar chain.

He was apt to be somewhat nervous in a big game and, unless he could get over this by Sunday, would be outplayed by R. Morrison, the cool customer on the greens.

The splendid exhibition given by U.M. on Saturday, when he time and again took out his opponents' woods, showed him to be one of the Colony's best skips.

McKelvie played an excellent game against the Indians at the Recrelo, but had to fully extend himself to snatch a four-shot victory against a combination that was, at the highest rating, only on par with that opposed to the Omars.

Both skips in Sunday's match are seasoned players, known for their steadiness. The result should be a very narrow victory for the winners.

K.B.G.C.

Following are the teams for the annual bowls match between St. Andrew's Society and St. George's Society, at K.B.G.C. on Saturday at 2.45 p.m.

St. Andrew's Society:—J. V. Ramsay, R. G. Craig, H. Nish, The Chief, J. P. Macgregor (skip).

W. Melrose, W. McKie, J. Watson, J. C. Chalmers (skip).

P. Kennedy, W. McMaster, M. Ferguson, R. Morrison (skip).

W. Williamson, W. Cunningham, J. Green, J. Fraser (skip).

Reserves:—L. A. Collier, J. M. Forrest, J. C. Aitken (skip).

J. S. Dinnen, W. Ronald, G. Cooper, J. McKelvie (skip).

Reserves:—A. Macfarlane, J. Russell, J. R. Litch, W. Russell.

St. George's Society:—G. Greenwood, V. C. Leabron, J. C. Meyer, The President, P. S. Conolly (skip).

D. W. Simmonds, S. H. Strange, J. F. MacGowan, M. N. Rakusen (skip).

B. A. Mansell, T. Coleman, W. C. Simpson, B. W. Bradbury (skip).

H. F. Phillips, L. G. Coombes, A. L. G. Eastman, F. Goodwin (skip).

H. F. Shields, C. Dowman, S. Randle, A. J. Hall (skip).

E. F. Pope, E. A. Atkins, C. E. F. Thompson, L. Sykes (skip).

She'll Be In The Bleachers

Hollywood, Dec. 8. Actress Loraine Day announced today that she had given up a \$150,000 per year contract with RKO Studios in order to be free to accompany her husband, Leo Durocher, manager of Brooklyn Dodgers, on baseball tours.

The contract called for one picture a year for the next five years.

In the same statement Miss Day disclosed that she and Durocher will be remarried in her Hollywood home on January 22.

After her interlucory decree from Mr. Ray Hendricks, airport operator, becomes final.

"I still expect to fulfill my picture agreements with RKO, but with the new arrangements I will feel free from any specific obligations as to dates and places," Miss Day said.

Termination of the contract came after week-long conferences with RKO's studio chief, Mr. Dore Schary, who finally agreed to cancel the contract.—United Press.

SCHMELING (42) BEATS DRAEGESTEIN (27)

Hamburg, Dec. 7. Although giving away 15 years in age, Max Schmeling, 42-year-old former world heavyweight, had little difficulty in winning the second fight of his comeback here today when he outpointed another German, 27-year-old Hans Draegestein of Berlin, over ten rounds.

"Clara" Asks For Safety Guarantees

Shanghai, Dec. 8. A demand for a guarantee of safety of the personnel of the China Liberated Areas Relief Association (CLARA) was made to UNRRA today by Mr. Ling Chung, the acting director of the Shanghai Office of CLARA, which had just been wound up.

In a letter to Dr. Harlin Cleveland, Mr. Ling Chung charged that armed policemen and "special agents" were molesting and shadowing CLARA personnel and said that this was a "serious violation of the agreement stating that relief personnel should be guaranteed safety and freedom of movement."

After lodging the "strongest protest" and demanding the immediate withdrawal of police supervision, Mr. Ling Chung said UNRRA guarantee in an official letter, the safety of CLARA members before and during repatriation and to take immediate action to ensure this.

His letter added that if the demands are not met, CLARA personnel will not leave Shanghai.

Mr. Ling and his Communist relief workers are scheduled to leave Shanghai within the next 48 hours by air for Hainan, in Hainan Province, where the Communist hold a small satellite state.

Hot action in an ice hockey match between England and Sweden.

An English player attempts an attack from the rear.

The match was played at Wembley during the Ice Hockey International last month.

England won six goals to five.—A.P.H.O.

SPORTING BRIEFS

GOLF

M. D. Cooper (14) and H. R. Malcolm (12) tied with 6 for the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's bogey pool over the Old Course at Fanling at the week-end.

Other scores: E. R. Mackay (9) 3 up, G.G.D. Carter (Ser.) 1 up, M. B. Tighe (9) all square, W. G. Robertson (12) all square, and W. A. Blair-Kerr (16) all square.

There were 39 entries.

CRICKET

The following have been selected to represent Hong Kong Signal Squadron, in a friendly cricket match against RAF Kai Tak at 2.30 p.m. tomorrow:

Lt. Chard, Lt. Jones, Cpl. Dunn, Sign. Cockerill (Capt.), Fancus, Withers, Ford, Dean, Parker, McCall, King.

Blanked In

The Rangers were blanked in their first batting attempt, lead-off Ian Stewart grounding out, Hazle Taylor popping out on a foul and Ray Stewart went down swinging for the first strike-out of the tilt.

The U.N. eked out a run in their half of the initial stanza on a pair of walks and a single, Ranger left-gardener Nicholson hauled down Anator's high fly while Tiny Harland Taylor on the rubber showed he had plenty of Bux and small, the ball by whiffing Bux and small.

The Rangers staged an uprising in the next canto with two markers on two safeties, but the U.N. came right back to knot the count 2-all with a tally in their half of the inning. Both sides were shut-out in the third but in the fourth the U.N. broke the deadlock with a pair of rallies on two-bingles and rounded the Rangers with a cluster of five runs in the next frame.

Two more runs in the sixth gave them a lead of 11-3 as the Rangers came up for their last turn at bat. Tiny Taylor laid down one along first base and made it on U.N. first-sacker William's fumble, Ray Stewart looked over Bux's offerings, and drew a pass while Bogie Rogie batting from the left side of the box singled to choke the fly-path.

Rogie's "rookie" receiver, Radar Henderson drove in two runs while key-keeper Bob Heather pushed another over with a bump. Two more tallies crossed the rubber by the time the Rangers batted around with two away.

Train Crash In India

Calcutta, Dec. 8. Seven persons were killed and 39 injured when the Calcutta-bound North Bengal express collided with a goods train near Kancharapara, 28 miles from Calcutta, on the East Indian Railway today.—Reuters.

Beaver

Backed by their cheering section, the Rangers were still battling with the Dare-devils when the U.N. were refused to admit defeat.

SOFTBALL SITUATION

Daredevils, U.N.'s And Rexes Score

(By "Grandstand")

In the Junior loop the Dare-devils staged a last inning rally which netted them four runs to nose out the Jaguars 9-8 while the Rexes continued their winning streak by routing the Blue Beetles 10-1. On Saturday the United Nations downed the Rangers 11-8 mainly through slugging power in the clutches.

The Dare-devils-Jaguars tussle was a ding-dong affair with the lead changing hands almost every inning. The Dare-devils were on top 5-3 in the fifth only to see their lead wiped out with a Jaguar batting spree that earned them four runs, and another in the sixth, for the score to read 8-6 in favour of the Jaguars.

Coming up to bat in the seventh frame, Dare-devil Reggie Casiro looked over Bruno Barreault's tosses for a two-and-two count before slashing one through the infield. Chico Castilho singled and there were two on. Jaguar hind-sacker Mike Dietrich misjudged a bunt along first base line which rolled fair and the riot started. Helped by third-sacker Langelberg's fumble two Dare-devils crossed the plate with the tying run on third and the winning run on second.

Lino Marina fled out and Ricardo Silva dented the rubber to put the Dare-devils back into the game and Alfredo Molig came across with another tally on an error to put the Dare-devils ahead once more.

In the last of the seventh the Jaguars still had a fighting chance. Bernie Brown drew a walk but was tagged out in a futile attempt to steal second. Emil Leon grounded out and when Dare-devil left guard Nelson Souza's high fly to left, the game was over.

Tight Game

Both the Blue Beetles and the Rexes played tight game in the first two semesters of the crucial tilt. The Rexes broke the tie in the third with a pair of runs on a hit and an error, and added another in the next canto, horse-collar the Blue Beetles 3-0 for five frames. The Rexes really went to town in the sixth and unleashed their batting strength to add seven more runs to clinch the issue, which included Nick Hussain's four-base clout. The Blue Beetles were completely demoralized after that out-break and led in one-two-three fashion in the last canto.

Rexes receiver Mike Yusuf had would-be base-stealers scampering back to their bases with his bullet pegs and obviously took lessons from mentor Sabu Samy, hind-sacker for the Senior circuit Madcaps.

Assisted by United Nations second-baseman Highpockets Hilpo's sizzling homer with an aboard in the fifth, the U.N. snuffed down the Rangers 11-8 on Saturday, in a tussle which featured classic defensive play on both sides. The U.N. were the heavier clouters and nicked Ranger hurlers Harland Taylor and Lino Marques for a total of eight blows, while Bux who went the route for the U.N. yielded seven safeties. In the absence of mentor Mixin Samy who was still honeymooning, U.N. hind-sacker Commander Anator took over the reins, and at one time threatened to give hurler Bux his walking papers, but for the fact that a relief who could execute a legal pitch could not be found.

One Professor Of Another

Oxford, Dec. 8. Professor Gilbert Murray, classical scholar and prominent Liberal, yesterday paid a tribute to Dr. Nicholson Murray Butler, who died early yesterday morning.

"He was a very great public figure, a man of immense strength of character, a great upholder of enlightened and liberal causes," Professor Murray said.

In some ways he was an over-powering personality. He was more of an administrator than a scholar," Professor Murray recalled that many British universities, including Oxford, Cambridge, and Glasgow, honoured Dr. Butler and that he came to Britain regularly.

"He once described the British Commonwealth as a world-model for peace; and he used to relate that after the 1914-1918 War, it was he who suggested to Mr. Lloyd George the term 'British Commonwealth of Nations' in place of the 'British Empire'."—Reuters.

FLOODS OF TEARS

Manila, Dec. 8. Sandakichi Takahashi, a 37-year-old Japanese gardener who turned interpreter and torturer for the Kempitai during the war, wept audibly as he stood before the Philippine Army war crimes court this morning and heard himself sentenced to death by hanging on multiple war crimes charges.

The court said Takahashi was directly responsible for five killings and 20 torturings in Manila, Rizal Province, eight miles east of Manila.—Associated Press.

Protest On Louis Win Will Be Lodged Today

New York, Dec. 7. Backed by one of the most remarkable outbursts of public protest ever to result from a national sporting event, Jersey Joe Walcott's manager, Joe Webster, will go to the office of Eddie Egan, chairman of New York's Athletic Commission, tomorrow to lay formal claim to Joe Louis' world heavyweight title.

His chances of persuading Egan to reverse the decision which enabled Louis to retain his crown—a decision which has received overwhelming condemnation—are considered, however, to be very slender.

Egan is already reported to have said that the Boxing Commission depends entirely on its officials for all final decisions, good or bad.

Walcott's claim is not based on public sentiment. His case will be that one of the judges while granting more rounds to Louis, actually awarded more points to Walcott. This judge's vote, it is contended, should have been given to the challenger.

Public clamour against the verdict has even spread to New York State Governor Thomas E. Dewey. Many indignat citizens have telephoned his office at Albany, requesting him to take steps to reverse the decision but he merely refers them to Commissioner Egan.

Meanwhile, Egan's managers are reported to have stated that they plan to fight the champion had entertained for quitting the ring, have been abandoned. He is now seeking an out-of-rings return but in a June match which is already being booked at a possible \$1,000,000 gate.—Reuters.

SIMPLON LINE BLOCKED

Milan, Dec. 8. A number of smashed coaches blocked the Trans-Continental Simplon Line north of Milan today, after a passenger train collided in fog with a stationary freight train at a station.

Eighteen passengers were injured, some seriously.—Reuters.

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V.V. NEEDA HAS SOLD HIS STABLE

Mr. V. V. Needa yesterday disposed of his stable to Mr. S. W. Lee, the "China Mail" learned last night.

The additional ponies which Mr. Lee has acquired are Cassie, Elmer, Daisy Bell and Hol Polloi.

Mr. Lee's stable now consists of eight ponies. His original four are Hurricane, Alfresco, Meteor and Flight, the latter two being new Australian subscription ponies.

Lien Hwa Due Here Today

Manila, Dec. 8. Lien Hwa has cancelled its third return match with All-Manila.

The Malayan team is leaving tomorrow morning by air for Hong Kong enroute for Singapore.

The Malaysians had planned to leave on Wednesday for home, but the uncertainty of the Hong Kong team's arrival, owing to immigration trouble, has caused the Malaysians to advance their departure a day ahead.

Officials of the Manila Football League and the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation gave a farewell party this evening to the victorious visitors, who had won all their games in Manila.—Reuters.

CHINA "UNAWARE" OF U.S. HINT

Nanking, Dec. 8. Regarding the current press report that the United States has decided to cut China about the possibility of dispatching a certain of Chinese troops to Palestine as part of an international police there, a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs declared today that neither the Ministry of Foreign Affairs nor the Chinese delegation to the United Nations has any knowledge of this matter.—Central News.

Ipoh, Malaya, 8.

Ferocious wild bears are becoming a menace in upcountry Malaya. Two Chinese vegetable gardeners were hospitalised in a single day recently after bears attacked them at Lintang, a village 30 miles north of here.—Associated.